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VIRGINIA CORN, 1619.

(Abstract from English Public Record Office, by W. N. Sainsbury.)

1618-9, March 5.

Court Minutes of the East India Company—Virginia Wheat, called maize much commended for an excellent strong meat and hearty for men at sea and more wholesome than beef; The Virginia Company to be desired to procure some for trial by the next shipping. (Extract from Court Minute Book, vol 4, p. 306.)

DEATH OF SIR THOMAS GATES.

(Abstract from English Public Record Office, by W. N. Sainsbury.)

1622, Sept. 7, Hague.

Sir Dudley Carleton to Secretary Sir George Calvert. There are three of his (Count Mansfield) eldest Captains dead there* in the space of three days, two of horse (Philler and Ents) both men of account, both which died suddenly in one night; and one of his foot (Sir Thos. Gates) an ancient honest gentlemen of this nation (Extract from Correspond: Holland).

[* At Skinksconce, the camp of Skenck-schaus was at the Fort of Skenck a little to the East of Nimeguent—schaus is the Dutch for Fort. It appears that many died of fever.—W. N. S.]

N. B. It will be remembered that Sir Thomas Gates is the first name mentioned in the original grant of 10 April, 1606, of Virginia "to be divided into two several colonies." His connection with & services in Virginia are matters of history.—W. N. S.]